

## Department of the Army, DoD

## § 578.96

(2) Be assigned duties and responsibilities as a driver or assistant driver of government vehicles for a minimum of 12 consecutive months, or during at least 8,000 miles and with no government motor vehicle accident or traffic violation recorded on his or her DA Form 348-1-R (Equipment Operator's Qualification Record (Except Aircraft)), or,

(3) Perform satisfactorily for a minimum period of 1 year as an active qualified driver instructor or motor vehicle driver examiner.

(d) *Eligibility requirements for mechanics.* A soldier must—

(1) Pass aptitude tests and complete the standard mechanics' course with a "skilled" rating or have demonstrated possession of sufficient previous experience as an automotive or engineer equipment mechanic to justify such a rating.

(2) Be assigned to primary duty as an automotive or engineer mechanic, unit level or higher, or is an active automotive or engineer mechanic instructor.

(3) If required to drive an Army motor vehicle in connection with automotive mechanic or automotive mechanic instructor duties, qualify for motor vehicle operators permit as prescribed above, and perform duty which includes driving motor vehicles for a minimum of 6 consecutive months, and has no Army motor vehicle accident or traffic violation recorded on his or her DA Form 348 (Equipment Operator's Qualification Record (Except Aircraft)).

(e) *Eligibility requirements for operators of special mechanical equipment.* A soldier or civilian whose primary duty involves operation of Army materials handling or other mechanical equipment must have completed 12 consecutive months or 500 hours of operation, whichever comes later, without accident or written reprimand as the result of his or her operation, and his or her operating performance must have been adequate in all respects.

(f) *Description.* A white metal (silver, nickel and rhodium), 1 inch in height and width, a cross patee with the representation of disk wheel with tire placed on the center. Component bars

are authorized only for the following types of vehicles and/or qualifications:

- (1) Driver—W (for wheeled vehicles);
- (2) Driver—T (for tracked vehicles);
- (3) Driver—M (for motorcycles);
- (4) Driver—A (for amphibious vehicles);
- (5) Mechanic (for automotive or allied vehicles);
- (6) Operator—S (for special mechanical equipment).

### § 578.95 Glider Badge (Rescinded).

(a) Effective May 3, 1961, the Glider Badge is no longer awarded. An individual who was awarded the badge upon satisfying then current eligibility requirements may continue to wear the badge. Further, it may be awarded retroactively upon application to the Commander, USA HRC (see § 578.3(c) for address), when it can be established by means of sufficient documentation that the proficiency tests then prescribed were satisfactorily completed while assigned or attached to an airborne unit or to the Airborne Department of the Infantry School, or by participation in at least one combat glider landing into enemy-held territory as a member of an organized force carrying out an assigned tactical mission for which the unit was credited with an airborne assault landing by the theater commander.

(b) *Description.* An oxidized silver badge  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch in height and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in width consisting of a glider, frontal view, superimposed upon a pair of stylized wings displayed and curving inward.

### § 578.96 Nuclear Reactor Operator Badge (Rescinded).

(a) Effective October 1, 1990, the Nuclear Reactor Operator Badges are no longer awarded. The Army has not conducted nuclear reactor operations or nuclear reactor operator training in several years. Accordingly, the Nuclear Reactor Operator Badges will no longer be awarded. Current Army recipients who were permanently awarded any degree of the badge may continue to wear it on the Army uniform. AR 672-5-1, dated October 1, 1990, terminated authorization to award the badge.

(b) *Description*—(1) *Basic.* On a  $\frac{7}{8}$  inch square centered on two horizontal bars